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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2006, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.